EXHIBIT 2

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1	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
2	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
3	Lead Case No. 08-99000-smb
4	Case No. 08-01789-smb
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6	In the Matter of:
7	SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,
8	Plaintiff,
9	v.
10	BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES, LLC, et al.,
11	Defendants.
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14	United States Bankruptcy Court
15	One Bowling Green
16	New York, NY 10004
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18	July 25, 2018
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21	BEFORE:
22	HON STUART M. BERNSTEIN
23	U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE
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1 HEARING re Conference re Motion for an Order Establishing	1 PRYOR CASHMAN LLP
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	Page 6 1 ALSO PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY:	
	2	1 Based on the progress that the parties had made
		2 during the course of their negotiations, as of the last
	PATRICK MOHAN	3 hearing, the Trustee expressed optimism that we would be
		4 able to enter into a revised consensual order. And the
		5 objecting parties agreed with the Trustees the Trustee
		6 and acknowledge the progress that the parties had made to 7 date.
8	}	8 Subsequent to the hearing, Your Honor, the Trustee
9)	9 sent a revised proposed order to the Defendants. That is
10)	10 the order that is now before the Court. And the revised
11		11 order, as I stated before, we refiled a pretrial order
12	2	12 because we significantly limited and it indicated the
13	3	13 substantial overhaul and changes between the initial order
14	1	14 and the revised order.
15	5	15 The Trustee's counsel had a meeting with
16	5	16 Defendants with the objecting Defendants, where it was our
17	7	17 hope that we would continue in the same vain as the initial
18	3	18 rounds of discussions, making progress towards a consensual
19)	19 order.
20)	20 At the meeting, as reflected in our reply papers,
21		21 the objecting Defendants informed the Trustee that they
22	2	22 could not agree to the order because as a threshold matter,
23	3	23 discovery was closed in a majority of their cases and the
24	1	24 fact, of course discovery renders this proceeding
25	5	25 problematic.
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1	PROCEEDINGS	In the Defendant's view, the only cases that could
2	THE COURT: Go ahead.	2 proceed on this consolidated basis would be cases where fact
3	MS. BELL: Good morning, Your Honor. Stacey Bell,	3 discovery is open under the CMO. The Trustee obviously
4	counsel for the Trustees, BakerHostetler. Your Honor, we're	4 THE COURT: How many of those?
5	here on a status conference on the Trustee's motion for an	5 MS. BELL: There are about seven or so cases, Your
6	order establishing an omnibus proceeding on the existence,	6 Honor, and I'll go through those categories in just a
7	duration, and scope of the Ponzi scheme at BLMIS. Since the	7 moment. But there are seven cases in the Trustee's view
8	last time we were here, we've refiled that motion, and so	8 that are open with under the existing CMOs. The Trustee
9	now we're here on an omnibus Ponzi pretrial proceeding.	9 disagrees with Defendant's position, and we decided to file
10	If this Court will recall, the Trustee filed a	10 a motion or a reply just in accordance with the Court's
11	motion in February seeking to consolidate the remaining good	11 directive at the last hearing, that that reply be put in by
12	faith actions on the issue on the Ponzi issue. And in	12 July 18th.
13	response to the Trustee's motion, the Trustee received a	13 The day before the filing, the Trustees received -
14	number of objections. 106 cases filed objections. There	14 - the Trustee received comments to our proposed order, and
15	were eight law firms. We've since that number has since	15 those comments highlighted and confirmed how far apart the
16	dropped to seven law firms with 105 cases at issue.	16 parties were. In the Trustee's view, we've accommodated and
17	So, a month ago, the parties appeared before Your	17 we've sought to accommodate the Defendant's position vis-à-
1	Honor to update the Court on the status of the negotiations.	18 vis our proposed revised order on what a restructured
18	A track and the Company of the Compa	19 omnibus Ponzi proceeding could look like. And we think that
1	And at that time, the Trustee reported that since receiving	
19	the Defendant's objections, the parties had been engaged in	20 the revised order is judicially efficient and it streamlines
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1	where fact discovery is open under existing CMOs. The	1	MS. BELL: Yes. He allocuted that the Ponzi began
	second group, in the Trustee's view, would be the cases that	1	in the 1990s but Mr. Madoff's testimony has changed over
3		1	time. Your Honor, and to be clear, the Trustee
4		4	THE COURT: But he's never deviated from that, I
5		5	don't think,
6		6	MS. BELL: Well, I think he's deviated in a number
7	Cases with open fact discovery I don't think	7	of significant ways. He said that the Ponzi scheme began in
8	that there would I don't expect there to be disagreement,	ĺ	'92 and then in his deposition, he walked away from that and
	and I think we've gotten that far with the negotiations		said, well, the convertible arb transactions were always
10			real. And so now it's now longer a time limitation; it's
11			become a strategy-based limitation.
12	With respect to the cases that participated in	12	The convertible arb transactions purportedly
	Madoff's deposition, of the objecting parties there are 92		occurred through 1998. And so are we at '98 or are we at
	of those cases that participated in Madoff's deposition.		'92? There is also Mr. Madoff in his allocution said
	And given the deposition, in the Trustee's view, it's		that the split strike conversion strategy did not happen;
	reasonable at this juncture to seek to take additional		that he promised customers that he would have a basket of
17			securities. He did not. And as part of that promise he
	into the case by Mr. Madoff's deposition.	18	
19	And, Your Honor, just if you would indulge me a		didn't do it. And he said that
	bit, just to go through how Madoff's deposition	20	THE COURT: It's been awhile since I looked at his
21	THE COURT: What discovery does the Trustee need?	21	
	The Trustee's been preparing these cases for ten years or	22	days in his deposition. And I thought he always said that
	eight years.		once he started the split strike conversion strategy or
24	MS. BELL: Yes, Your Honor, and that is absolutely		he never even addressed what happened after 1992.
25	correct. And I think as we addressed at the last hearing,	25	MS. BELL: I think he said in later depositions
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l	he was deposed for three days. And day two he was deposed	1	contemplated in connection with Mr. Madoff's deposition.
2	for two days.	2	The other fact I would say is, again, if discovery
3	THE COURT: Okay.	3	happens in some of the cases and not in the other cases,
4	MS. BELL: But, Your Honor, the arguments have	4	this becomes an incomplete record for some cases and on the
5	advanced beyond the convertible arb and beyond the start	5	same Ponzi scheme. So I think there is an issue there that
6	date of the Ponzi scheme. So	6	the Court would need to address.
7	THE COURT: But that's what I'm that's what I'm	7	And if we go forward, and the Trustee is prepared
8	trying to find out, because all your order says is we've got	8	to go forward on these cases one at a time but we've
9	four months of fact discovery and it's not supposed to be a	9	tried that before in the Cohen case, if the Court will
10	complete do-over.	10	recall, and there was a motion to intervene. And so, again,
11	MS. BELL: Right, and I agree with that, Your	11	we're not trying to get
12	Honor. So, what the Trustee was attempting to do in this	12	THE COURT: That was unsuccessful and affirmed on
13	order was, in our meet and confer, the Defendants raised the	13	appeal so
14	issue of the 27 subpoenas that Ms. Chaitman served. If you	14	MS. BELL: Correct, correct. We're not trying to
15	recall in the original order, the Trustee had a limited	15	get an advantage here. It's the Trustee's we're not
16	number of discovery. We tried to do it based on numbers so	16	trying to do a one-upmanship here. I think the idea is to
17	the Court would see from the Trustee's perspective we're not	17	proceed in a way that is rational, that is judicially
18	trying to have this go for many, many months and to be an	18	efficient. It's an opportunity for the Court and for the
19	open-ended process.	19	parties to streamline this process, because otherwise, we
20	In this order we did not do that simply to	20	continue with these discovery disputes for certain types of
21	accommodate the request to have those 27 trader subpoenas.	21	records. There we've integrated and built into the
22	And I think that's worth talking about as well, because not	22	process where we would have Judge Moss overseeing some of
23	only do we have Madoff's deposition that the Defendants have	23	to the extent that discovery disputes come up, to take that
24	requested but there are 27 trader subpoenas of former BLMIS	24	off the Court's calendar, and because Judge Moss is familiar
25	employees who worked on the House 5 side. I think there was	25	with these issues that have come up before.
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1	one who was on the House 17 side, but we want the	1	THE COURT: Well, the Defendants would have to
2	opportunity to talk to the House 17 employees. There is a	2	consent to that but
3	criminal trial. In 2014, five employees were found guilty.	3	MS. BELL: Yes, Your Honor, I agree with that.
4	There are a number of plea allocutions where we would like	4	THE COURT: All right. All right. Let me hear
5	the opportunity to have and we recognize that that's	5	from the Defendants.
6	admissible evidence, but to explore those and to unpack	6	MS. CHAITMAN: Good morning, Your Honor. Helen
7	those to address the issues that are at play in this case.	7	Davis Chaitman on behalf of a number of Defendants. Your
8	And so Defendants have not only stated the start		Honor, when I answered the complaints on behalf of all of my
9	date issue and the convertible arb issue, but there's an	9	clients, I asserted that we did not believe that there was a
10	issue about how subscription how redemption requests were	10	Ponzi scheme and that we believed that Madoff purchased the
11	paid. There was no Ponzi scheme at all. The issues have	11	securities.
12	ballooned and mushroomed from beyond where we started. And	12	So these issues have been in this case from day
	so if the Trustee was preparing a case and we certainly		one. And the reason that I have embarked on this now two-
	believe, again, that we have enough admissible evidence to		year effort to obtain the trading records is because I
	prove our case, but as a matter of fairness and equitable		believe I can prove I've already gotten some records
	principles, this case should go forward on a full and	16	which I've been able to prove that the securities were
	balanced record.	17	
18	THE COURT: But a lot of the Defendants say we	18	Now, there's the Court has been so strict in

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19 enforcing the case management orders and the deadlines in

20 the case management orders, and most of that has worked 21 against the Defendants. Because we've come in and asked for

22 additional time and Your Honor has been very strict about

23 it, which, of course, is -- I'm not challenging your right

24 to do that. Of course you have the right to do that. But

25 that should be applied to the Trustee as well.

THE COURT: You should be able to prove your case.

MS. BELL: Because, Your Honor, we kept it open on

22 If they don't want discovery, why do you want to keep

25 the Ponzi issue, I think, from -- that was always

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23 discovery open?

19 don't -- you know, discovery's cut off.

MS. BELL: But --

Page 38 Page 40 1 - how do you try it as a consolidated proceeding where THE COURT: 2013. So, certainly the issue was up 2 discovery has already been taken, I guess, in some cases? 2 there then MS. BELL: They have not on the Ponzi issue, Your MS. NEVILLE: So, I'm hearing now that of 153 --3 4 Honor, for BLMIS employees. 4 because it's not 106 cases or 105; it's 153 -- there are THE COURT: Well, whatever the issue was. Some of 5 5 seven cases where discovery is open and they want to have a 6 them are trial ready --6 consolidated order that cuts off discovery from everybody MS. BELL: Well, just as Defendants. We've not 7 else? They were obliged to make a motion to show why they 8 were entitled to discovery. 8 taken discovery on any of these issues with the exception of 9 Madoff's deposition in PW, which was different, and that was What that order from, I think it was September 10 on a consolidated proceeding. Essentially, what we're 10 2017, says is that discovery is closed except for the right 11 for the right for the Picower parties, of all people, the 11 proposing here is the very thing. 12 Defendants, and the Trustee and SIPC to take discovery on And, Your Honor, I neglected to mention I accept 13 your proposed change of having the deposition that 13 the Madoff. And the Court reserved the issues from the June 14 29th transcript, which I have with me and I read carefully 14 Defendants deemed to have participated in the deposition, 15 yesterday. There were two issues that were reserved, and 15 and we'll submit a proposed order that includes that 16 provision. Because I think that gets to the crux of what it 16 they both were the issues Ms. Chaitman raised. There was 17 the production of trading records and the deposition of 17 is that we're trying to do here, proceeding on -- and in our 18 review, these cases are not closed on the Ponzi issue. 18 traders. 19 So, the discovery obligation is from the Trustee 19 And so we're not seeking to reopen; we're seeking 20 to us. Why they now want to open up 12 depositions of 20 to continue what was started on the Madoff deposition and by 21 Madoff employees to prove the case -- because I think they 21 the Madoff deposition. So, we could say that these 22 realize they haven't proved it after all of these years and 22 depositions and the documents that are at issue are part of 23 the very fraud proceeding that this Court has talked about 23 after all of this money. Rule 16 sets out a standard and I don't think 24 in arguments, and we've raised in the Roman -- Your Honor 25 they've met it. They've been not diligent in pursuing their 25 raised in the Roman decision. Page 41 Page 39 1 discovery. It's been a really long time. And it is THE COURT: Let me hear from some of the other

1 2 parties.

- MS. CHAITMAN: I just want to say one thing,
- 4 Judge. If I came in and I said, "You know, Judge,
- 5 discovery's over in my cases but I now think that I really
- 6 should be able to take certain discovery..." I wouldn't get
- 7 two feet in this court. And that's what the Trustee's
- 8 trying to do.
- Again, if you look at every one of my answers,
- 10 you'll see I disputed that there was a Ponzi scheme. This
- 11 has been in the case since I filed the answers. Thank you.
- 12 THE COURT: Ms. Neville?
- MS. NEVILLE: Good morning. Carole Neville from 13
- 14 Dentons. Your Honor, I have 14 clients on this -- in this
- 15 matter now, and the case management order, and all but one
- 16 of them said that discovery closed. And I'm finding it kind
- 17 of staggering that Ms. Davis now says that after ten years
- 18 and a billion dollars, the Trustee has not taken discovery
- 19 on the Ponzi issue.
- 20 We have expert reports in all of our cases. What
- 21 was happening then? What were they doing? Right now, what
- 22 I hear, if I'm --
- THE COURT: What was the date of the Dubinsky
- 24 Report? Because that was -- 2013?
- 25 MR. KRATENSTEIN: It was 2013.

- 2 prejudicial to us. Because what they intend to do is reopen
- 3 all the things that we have now -- I've filed voluminous
- 4 mediation statements, I've got my case all lined up, and now
- 5 they want to reopen discovery. Or if you opt out, they
- 6 don't have to give us what they've been committing to give
- 7 us for five years.
- So, I just -- I really -- I'm kind of outraged at
- 9 Ms. Davis' position here, that she's reserved --
- 10 THE COURT: It's Ms. Bell. I knew who she meant.
- 11 MS. BELL: I did too, Your Honor.
- 12 MS. NEVILLE: I'm sorry. I called you Tracy the
- 13 other day, too.
- 14 MS. BELL: You did. I should be used to it.
- MS. NEVILLE: I have a thing about your name. I 15
- 16 just think that at this point, they haven't made the case
- 17 for opening discovery --
- 18 THE COURT: So, you say you have 13 cases? 13
- 19 cases where discovery is closed?
- 20 MS. NEVILLE: Right.
- 21 THE COURT: Are you ready to try those cases?
- 22 MS. NEVILLE: We're in mediation in a good number
- 23 of them.
- 24 THE COURT: I assume they all raise the same
- 25 issue, right?

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- 1 they did not have the opportunity --
- THE COURT: Okay, so let me just stop you. So,
- 3 there are people, there are entities or Defendants who did
- 4 not have the right to participate in the Madoff deposition,
- 5 right?
- 6 MS. BELL: Well, Your Honor, from the group of
- 7 objecting Defendants, there are about four or five cases
- 8 that would fall into that category and they're represented
- 9 by Ms. Chaitman and Ms. Neville. So I think that's a
- 10 hypothetical concern that the Defendants have raised. I
- 11 don't think it's a real issue before the Court.
- 12 But with respect to Mr. Kajon's point on Legacy,
- 13 and I want to address that because that's the sixth case
- 14 where discovery is closed in the Trustee's view -- he did
- 15 not get to participate in Madoff's deposition. We offered
- 16 him the opportunity to participate and he declined.
- More than that, Your Honor, and I have from a
- 18 transcript of June 2017 where Mr. Kajon before this Court
- 19 says, "Some new evidence has come to light. Some new
- 20 evidence has come to light just this week that raises some
- 21 questions in our mind." And that new evidence, he cited to
- 22 Mr. Madoff's deposition.
- And so it is disingenuous then to say that if Mr.
- 24 Madoff's deposition goes forward and you choose not to
- 25 participate, you can use the information that comes out of

- 1 know, really why it's necessary but --
 - 2 MS. BELL: I think that's right, Your Honor.
 - 3 We've had Mr. Dubinsky -- Ms. Galura's deposition taken in

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- 4 at least one of these cases and we've certainly had Mr.
- 5 Greenblatt's deposition as well, I think. And I can't
- 6 recall if any of these counsel participated. But to the
- 7 extent that the Court would like the Trustee to make a Rule
- 8 16 motion, we're prepared to do that. This motion was made
- 9 pursuant to, again, the dealings and the understanding when
- 10 we review the transcripts in connection with Mr. Madoff's
- 11 deposition. And so the Trustee is prepared to make a Rule12 16 motion.
- 13 We've had counsel who refused to agree to extend
- 14 discovery that closed in July with the argument that the
- 15 omnibus proceeding would deal with many of these issues.
- 16 And so --
- 17 THE COURT: Again, I'm perplexed that the Trustee
- 18 wants to take the discovery on something the Trustee should
- 19 know and the Defendants are fighting it. As I said, this
- 20 seems to be a reversal. Is there any other Defendant that
- 21 wants to be heard?
- 22 MR. RICH: Good morning, Your Honor. Robert Rich,
- 23 Hunton Andrews Kurth, on behalf of Edward (indiscernible)
- 24 and certain other individual Defendants. I just want to
- 25 address quickly and hopefully put to bed the issue of

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- 1 that deposition to then challenge the Trustee's expert and
- 2 the Trustee --
- 3 THE COURT: We can argue about whether what Madoff
- 4 says is hearsay in a case where somebody hasn't
- 5 participated.
- 6 MS. BELL: And I agree with that, Your Honor, but
- 7 I think the point is the issue that Mr. Kajon raised is the
- 8 issue of treasuries. That's an omnibus issue. So, again,
- 9 in the interest of efficiency, it just doesn't seem to make
- 10 sense to proceed with these on a piecemeal basis.
- 11 THE COURT: Well, maybe -- maybe the underlying
- 12 assumption that this can be tried as a consolidated issue is
- 13 not right.
- MS. BELL: And so we've taken that off the table,
- 15 Your Honor. And so now we're just dealing with discovery.
- 16 THE COURT: No, but if it can't be tried as a
- 17 consolidated issue, I don't have to necessarily consolidate
- 18 discovery. I mean, yes, Dubinsky will be deposed once,
- 19 Greenblatt -- Greenblatt and Galura to some extent have
- 20 things to say in individual cases.
- 21 MS. BELL: That's right, Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: And maybe it's a two-day deposition or
- 23 two-part deposition. One is the general what she did or
- 24 what he did, and then if people want to take the depositions
- 25 in individual cases, they can do it. I don't know, you

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 1 whether, you know -- that it's just our argument that this
- 2 has been on the table. It's actually the Trustee's
- 3 argument. They've used it over and over.
- 4 THE COURT: What argument? Which argument?
- 5 MR. RICH: The argument that this Ponzi -- the
- 6 things that they want discovery on, this Ponzi scheme is a
- 7 new issue that they should have discovery on. I actually
- 8 tried. I asked for discovery on this exact issue a year ago
- 9 when I started seeing that, yes, there were securities
- 10 traded in our account. And I wanted more information. And
- 11 I wanted more information --
- 12 THE COURT: Okay, but that was what led to Mr.
- 13 Madoff's deposition.
- MR. RICH: No, I'm sorry, Your Honor. This is
- 15 after the deposition. This is just last year. After the
- 16 deposition was taken, I said, there's a lot of good
- 17 information here. I see there's securities -- I now wanted
- 18 a little more. And I want to use that same paragraph that
- 19 they want to use, that I should be able to move for more
- 20 discovery. I want some more trading records. I want some
- 21 treasury transactions. This is what Ms. Bell said they're
- 22 looking for.
- 23 This is what they said. They said, well, the
- 24 deposition -- this is in their brief -- they said, the
- 25 deposition order provision permitting follow-up based on

Page 56 Page 54 1 Madoff's deposition should be construed only as permitting 1 access to the documents that we'll use in any deposition. 2 discovery that could not have been pursued without his 2 MR. RICH: Your Honor, this is a complete 180 from 3 the exact argument they made a year ago. They realized 3 discovery. I said, surely the Defendants did not need 4 their case is weak. They're seeing that, oh, wait, he 4 Madoff's deposition to justify a request for documents 5 traded the securities that my Defendants have on their 5 regarding securities trading. And the court denied my 6 request. 6 statements? We need to get more discovery to refute it. So 7 all of a sudden they have a new argument. It should be Over and over they said, in the case management 8 order, fact discovery is done; it doesn't matter what Madoff 8 denied. 9 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Kirby? 9 said in his deposition, this issue has been in the record. 10 And on that basis, the Court denied my request. They're 10 MR. KIRBY: Thank you, Your Honor. Richard Kirby 11 relying on the exact same language and asking for fact 11 on behalf of one of the only open case I have where 12 discovery is 100 percent open. We have an open discovery --12 discovery and the exact same things. My Defendants -- I 13 have two Defendants that have exposure of \$70,000. They 13 THE COURT: I'm sorry. It's open in your case? 14 MR. KIRBY: 100 percent open fact discovery case. 14 can't go through 12 more depositions because they don't want 15 THE COURT: Which case is that? 15 to reopen. 16 MR. KIRBY: It's (indiscernible) BM Investments. 16 THE COURT: Well, all right. You have no open THE COURT: Okay. And how many cases do you have? 17 discovery cases? Your cases are closed? 17 MR. KIRBY: All my other cases are in -- have been 18 MR. RICH: My case is closed. We have one expert 19 discovery that we noticed but the deadline -- the other 19 decided on summary judgment --20 THE COURT: Okay, so you've only got one case 20 one's closed. 21 left, right? 21 THE COURT: Who is that? 22 MR. KIRBY: Right, right. Okay. And there's two 22 MR. RICH: That's for Mr. Greenblatt. 23 issues I'd like to raise. The first issue I think is a 23 THE COURT: Okay. But you wouldn't participate in 24 the Dubinsky deposition. You never noticed it before 24 threshold issue, is whether -- if there's going to be such a 25 discovery was closed, right? 25 proceeding. Page 57 Page 55 THE COURT: I agree with you. That's really 1 MR. RICH: That's right. 2 what's driving all this. 2 THE COURT: All right. MS. BELL: But he participated -- the case MR. KIRBY: Because if we wait -- our cases, which 4 participated in Madoff's deposition, Your Honor, and we 4 were the South Ferry and Lowry cases, were set as selected 5 and tried as a test case. They're pending before Judge 5 allowed a number of cases on day two of the deposition to 6 Engelmayer at this point. He has a hearing scheduled for 6 come in to the deposition although discovery was closed --7 August 28th. We can assume that he will decide certainly 7 the discovery cutoff had passed in their case. 8 before the end of the year. And the case will either be So, again, I think that there is some one-9 sidedness here that, you know, we would appreciate if the 9 decided one way or another, and either side's going to take 10 10 Court takes notice of. Because the Trustee has allowed THE COURT: But then it's going to go up to the 11 11 discovery in cases where it's been closed and we're not, 12 again, asking for something new; we're asking for a 12 Second Circuit, so --13 MR. KIRBY: Right. But by one or other side. 13 continuation. THE COURT: Years away from a resolution of this THE COURT: But these Defendants don't want more 14 15 issue. 15 discovery. I keep coming back to the same issue. They're MR. KIRBY: Certainly probably through the end of 16 ready to try their cases. And if they haven't gotten 16 17 '19 is what I would expect. But the issue -- and so, we 17 records that Ms. Chaitman thinks she needs, well, that's 18 think those threshold issues make all of this question of

25 Engelmayer's decision could split on the issue. Okay? So,

19 how far back you go irrelevant, especially the issue of

20 whether the statute of repose limits the Trustee's reach

And that issue on -- with all due respect, we

23 disagree, but there are 16 bankruptcy judges who said it's a

24 statute of repose. So, it's very possible that Judge

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21 back altogether.

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18 going to be their problem, not yours.

MS. BELL: I think that's right, Your Honor, and

20 so it's the Trustee's position that if we were to use some

22 like to, we think, go to the issues that Mr. Madoff is

24 part that the Trustee did not give them access to these

25 witnesses that we don't have control over, but certainly

21 of those witnesses at trial or those documents that we would

23 raising, then there can be no objection on the Defendants'

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1	evaluate.	1	lot of these expert reports have been out there forever and
2	THE COURT: All right. Look, I'm not going to	2	there were expert discovery deadlines set. But, again, I go
3	grant this motion on the state of this record. The order on	3	back to the orders which authorize Madoff's deposition,
4	which this is all predicated there are actually two of	4	which is the starting point you have to show in order to
5	them, but the first Madoff deposition order said in	5	reopen discovery in any case that he said something that
6	Paragraph 11 it says, "As to the participating customers	6	would be cause to reopen the case.
7	whose fact discovery is set to close on or after the date,	7	I am also having second thoughts about a
8	the Court extends fact discovery for the limited and sole	8	consolidated proceeding, although I agree with you, it is
9	purpose of taking Madoff's deposition."	9	certainly the most efficient way to deal with the issue.
10	It then says, "Other than for that purpose, the	10	There may be practical problems with it. Depositions that
11	deadlines in the applicable case management orders remain	11	have been taken, for example, I use the Madoff deposition,
12	unchanged, notwithstanding the dates set forth in the case	12	and you're going to tell me you invited people and I don't
13	management orders. Counsel for the Trustee, the	13	know what effect that has. But the Madoff deposition,
14	participating customers, the Picower parties, and SIPC have	14	whether it can be used in all cases, particularly those
15	the right to move the Court for further discovery based upon	15	cases where discovery was run and people didn't have the
16	Madoff's testimony."	16	right under the order to participate in it. There may be
17	If you're going to make that motion, you have to	17	other discovery which was taken in an individual case. I
18	show specifically what it is Madoff said that's new, that	18	don't know what that might be but I'm told Ms. Galura was
19	you couldn't have anticipated with due diligence of taking	19	deposed. Or Mr. Greenblatt was deposed a couple of times.
20	that discovery. I'm being told and part of the problem	20	I don't know what he or she said, but I don't know if you
21	of this process is people tell me a lot of stuff, and it's	21	can use that in the other cases.
22	not contained in a pleading. But I'm told that some of	22	So there may be a practical problem, which is
23	these issues were always issues in the case and at some	23	really, as I said, what's driving this notion of reopening
24	point, somebody got the idea they wanted to take Madoff's	24	discovery and having a consolidated discovery proceeding.
25	deposition. I don't even know how that I don't recall	25	Because if we can't have a consolidated proceeding, we don't
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1	how that originated. With Ms. Chaitman, all right. And we	1	need this consolidated discovery. We'll just do it on a
2	limited it to cases where discovery was still open.	2	case by case basis or a group of cases to the extent it
3	I'm not inclined to reopen discovery for another	3	makes sense. So that if Ms. Neville has 13 cases and your
4	year, certainly in cases where discovery is closed. To the		direct case to a large extent her defenses are the same
5	extent that discovery is still open or you have a duty to	5	in every one of those cases, yeah, we can try those together
6		6	or consolidate those issues.
7	of wipes all that out and starts everything anew. And	7	MS. BELL: And the Trustee is prepared to move
8	that's not right.	8	forward, Your Honor, on a case by case basis. I just want
9	Expert discovery we can deal with to the extent	9	to bring the Court back I know you said two orders.
10	it's still open. People can go in on one day and take	10	There is a third order, Ms. Chaitman's April August 10,
11	Madoff take Dubinsky's deposition. I don't know if you	11	•
12	want to take the deposition Mr. Rich put in. I forget his	12	exception of the three motions to withdraw the reference
13	name. Friedland?	13	• • •
14	MS. BELL: Mr. Greenblatt.	i	it's the Trustee's view that whatever decision the Court
15	THE COURT: No, no, no. What was your expert's	1	renders today, if there can be a carve out for Ms.
16	name? Friedland?	1	Chaitman's cases, because they're to be handled separately
17	MS. BELL: Feingold.		just under this order and it's separate from
18	THE COURT: All right, Feingold.	18	THE COURT: She retained the right under that
19	MR. RICH: Mr. Feingold. But their deadline to	19	•
20			traders.
21	THE COURT: Has your deadline to depose Mr.	21	MS. BELL: Yes, Your Honor.
22	• •	22	THE COURT: Right. So those were timely served.
23	MR. RICH: Yes.		And that's just a discovery issue.
24	THE COURT: Okay. Well, deadlines have expired,	24	MS. BELL: But the Trustee has not been serving
25	they've expired absent the modification of the order. But a	25	expert reports under this order because our reading of the

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1	Page 78 produced a number of records in connection with the	1 discovery is after the close of fact discovery typically.
	microfilm dispute that we had last year, and Ms. Chaitman	2 THE COURT: And you oppose her taking those
	asked for more time to review those records so she could go	3 depositions if, for no other reason, you want a consolidated
1	depose Mr. Madoff. She took 25 minutes of his deposition	4 proceeding in which everybody attends those depositions?
i	and then she was done, and then did five minutes of cross.	5 MS. BELL: Well, we thought it would make sense,
6		6 Your Honor. For example, she had David Kugel on the list of
	production issue further delays the case, I would request	7 27 traders. He has a plea allocution and he testified at
i	that the Court limits that.	8 the criminal trial. There are a number of issues that will
9	THE COURT: Well, the simple answer to that is	9 go across cases. And so we think it's not efficient to
10		10 proceed with those
11	you can either make your Motion to Compel or you can go back	11 THE COURT: Why don't you make your motion to
	to Judge Moss, which is what I think you should do since he	12 modify the pretrial orders to reopen discovery?
1	put this procedure in place	13 MS. BELL: Yes, Your Honor.
14		THE COURT: And do that expeditiously. Now, with
15	THE COURT: and he will	15 respect there's got to be a time limit, though, Ms.
16	MS, CHAITMAN: If Judge Baker had not agreed to	16 Chaitman, with you doing something about this issue.
17		17 MS. CHAITMAN: I will make the motion Judge, if
18		18 Baker had not indicated to me that they would produce all
19	MS. BELL: But we have not served Mr. Dubinsky's	19 the trading records without my going back to Judge Moss, I
20	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	20 would have done it already. But I will go back to Judge
21	THE COURT: Well, why don't you serve it?	21 Moss, but I'd like to be able to proceed with the subpoenaed
22	MS. BELL: We typically have a 60-day period	22 depositions. The traders have both documents and testimony.
23	between because we have to have whatever documents are at	23 THE COURT: I think I want to decide the Trustee's
24	play before the expert reports are due. And so there's a	24 motion first, because everybody's going to want to come to
25	60-day period between the close of fact discovery and expert	25 Kugel's deposition, for example, if I reopen discovery. And
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3	·	3 records. I just don't know. I don't know if there's a
4	THE COURT: All right.	4 question of proportionality, if there's a question of who's
5	MS. BELL: So, Your Honor, just a couple of	5 going to bear the cost of all this. I don't even know what
6	scheduling things. I'm on vacation for two weeks in August.	6 the cost is. For all I know, you can tell someone to come
1	And so if we can defer that a little to	7 into the data room and say, "Here, go have a look at 30
8	THE COURT: Everybody's on vacation in August,	8 million documents. Just be out in an hour." I just don't
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11	Kugel's deposition, the Trustee had	11 disproportionate, you're going to have to explain to me
12	THE COURT: You're the only lawyer working on this	12 facts which tell me what the cost is and things like that.
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14	MS. BELL: No, Your Honor, but many	14 reels of microfiche. You looked at four.
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17	MS. BELL: A number of other	17 THE COURT: Okay, but
18	THE COURT: You must have a high billing rate. Go	18 MS. CHAITMAN: The microfilm, we dropped the
19	ahead.	19 microfilm, as I explained previously.
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21	proceeding are also on vacation, Your Honor. But just with	21 longer at issue?
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